

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION
BUREAU OF ENTOMOLOGY AND PLANT QUARANTINE
DOMESTIC QUARANTINE NOTICESMEXICAN FRUITFLY REGULATIONS REVISED--STERILIZATION
OF GRAPEFRUIT REQUIRED

Introductory Note

Because of increasing numbers of infestations of Mexican fruitflies now occurring in the regulated area in the Rio Grande Valley it has become necessary to require the sterilization of grapefruit produced in and moved interstate from the Texas counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy effective 12:01 a.m., April 24, 1947, and continuing for the remainder of the shipping season.

The date upon which this requirement becomes necessary depends upon development of insect conditions and cannot be determined in advance. To accomplish the purpose for which it is intended this requirement must be made effective immediately upon determination that it is necessary. Accordingly, it is found, upon good cause, that compliance with the rule making procedure of section 4 (a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (Public Law 404, 79th Cong., 60 Stat. 238) is impracticable and contrary to the public interest, and it is found that good cause exists for noncompliance with the thirty day publication requirement of section 4 (c) of that act.

§ 301.64-4 Administrative instructions relative to the Mexican fruitfly quarantine.--Pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Chief of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine by paragraph (e) of § 301.64-4 (Notice of Quarantine No. 64), it is hereby required that effective 12:01 a.m., April 24, 1947, and continuing throughout the harvesting season to the close of June 15, 1947, all grapefruit, as a condition of certification for interstate movement from the Texas counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy, shall be sterilized in accordance with the methods authorized in F.E.P.Q. 472, revised effective September 25, 1941, (7 CFR Cum. Supp. § 301.64-4a).

(Sec. 8, 37 Stat. 318, 39 Stat. 1165, 44 Stat. 250; 7 U.S.C. 1940 ed. 161; 7 CFR 1945 Supp. § 301.64-4)

Done at Washington, D. C., this 17th day of April 1947.

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